LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote Tarik Samman to replace Katherine Clark in 5th District

To the Editor:

People of conscience must condemn national war funding, euphemistically called defense or security: permanent war makes the United States less secure; it causes incalculable harm to civilians abroad and to military enlistees; it sinks the nation further into a debt it cannot repay; and pollutes the environment beyond restoration.

U.S. Rep. Katherine Clark voted to approve the 2026 National Defense Authorization Act, an appropriation of $901 billion. She has failed to uphold her oath to defend the Constitution from the abuses of the unitary executive branch, especially by failing to reclaim the war power, which is a power that only the legislative branch has the authority to exercise, but also by failing to lead impeachment proceedings. The Democratic Party establishment would sell the nation out to get an electoral upper hand, so it does not pursue impeachment: This is not the sort of representation Massachusetts 5th Congressional District needs!

Tarik Samman has a personal experience at the receiving end of the United States' sledgehammer approach to foreign policy; he has promised to fight for the social needs of Massachusetts' 5th Congressional District; he is not corrupted by having held an office for several terms: this constituent confidently endorses congressional candidate Tarik Samman!

Vote to elect Tarik in the Democratic Party primary on Sept. 1 and in the general election! Unlike incumbent Representative Katherine Clark, whose entire campaign is enriched and funded by corporate interests, I am confident that Tarik will not serve the special interests of war profiteers but rather serve the interests of constituents.

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Editor's note: Rep. Clark voted "nay" (Roll Call 262) on the initial House defense policy bill (H.R. 3838) last September, opposing it alongside most Democrats. In December, she voted "yea" on a compromise bill that had broader bipartisan support.